

LEGACY

What Difference Will I Make?

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Proverbs 16:3—*Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.*

PRINCIPLES THAT GUIDE MY LIFE

- > Priority Principle—*John 15:5*
- > Passion Principle—*Galatians 2:20*
- > Purity Principle—*Daniel 1:8*
- > Perseverance Principle—*Hebrews 12:1-3*
- > Prayer Principle—*Luke 18:1*
- > Purpose Principle—*Matthew 28:19-20; Matthew 22:37-40*
- > Power Principle—*Galatians 5:25*
- > Promise Principle—*Psalms 1:1-2*

Genesis 9:1-17—*Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth... As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it.”*

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth... Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

HOW TO BUILD A GOD-HONORING LEGACY

1. Be faithful to do whatever God asks you to do.

2 Corinthians 5:8-9—We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

1 Thessalonians 4:1—...We instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more.

John 15:10—...keep my commands...

1 John 2:3—We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands.

1 John 2:6—Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

Matthew 6:33—But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Philippians 3:10—I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.

2. Be focused on faithfully pleasing God and blessing others.

Hebrews 11:7—By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

3. Realize that God rewards faithfulness.

Hebrews 12:1-3—Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

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